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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980116

To implement Extended Local
Service from the Salem exchange
to New Castle Telephone Company's
New Castle exchange

FINAL ORDER

On August 7, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., ("BA-VA" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, proposing to notify its customers in the Salem exchange of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service to include New Castle Telephone Company's ("NCTC") New Castle exchange. Customers in the New Castle exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to Salem. A poll of Salem subscribers was not required under § 56-484.2A of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase for one-party residential customers did not exceed five percent of the existing one-party residential monthly rate.

By order dated September 10, 1998, the Commission directed BA-VA to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until November 9, 1998, to file

comments or to request a hearing on the proposal. The Commission received no comments or requests for hearing.

On October 27, 1998, BA-VA filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's Order of September 10, 1998.

On November 24, 1998, the Commission Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that BA-VA's application to implement extended local service from the Salem exchange to NCTC's New Castle exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from BA-VA's Salem exchange to NCTC's New Castle exchange shall be implemented.

(2) BA-VA shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) This matter shall be dismissed and the papers shall be placed in the Commission's file for ended causes.